## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA SAVANNAH DIVISION

| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, | ) |           |
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|                           | ) |           |
| v.                        | ) | CR419-102 |
|                           | ) |           |
| OKEMI LAWTON,             | ) |           |
|                           | ) |           |
| Defendant.                | ) |           |

## **ORDER**

On November 27, 2019, the undersigned recommended to the District Judge that defendant Okemi Lawton's suppression motion be denied. Doc. 53. Before the expiration of the period to file objections to the Report and Recommendation, defendant filed a request to extend the period for filing those objections to allow for the preparation of a transcript of the suppression hearing. See doc. 54. Counsel also requested funds for preparation of that transcript be approved. Doc. 55.

Defendant's request for an extension to the objection period is **GRANTED**. Doc. 54. Pursuant to defendant's request, *id*. at 2, the Court finds that the ends of justice served by granting additional time to for defendant to prepare and file objections in order pending the preparation of a transcript of the October 31, 2019 suppression hearing outweigh the interests of the public and defendant in a speedy trial. 18 U.S.C. §

3161(h)(7). Accordingly, the period between the date of this order until

fourteen days after the transcript is prepared and filed on the docket

shall be excluded from the calculation of the time within which the trial

in this case must commence.

Defense counsel also requests approval for funds to prepare a

transcript of the October 31, 2019 hearing. Doc. 55. The relevant statute

provides that "[f]ees for transcripts furnished in criminal proceedings to

persons proceeding under the Criminal Justice Act (18 U.S.C. § 3006A).

. . shall be paid by the United States out of moneys appropriated for those

purposes." 18 U.S.C. § 753(f). In order to process defendant's request,

counsel should complete Form CJA 24, Authorization and Voucher for

Payment of Transcript, available from the Clerk of Court or the United

States Courts website. Upon completion of that form and submission to

the Clerk, defendant's request will be processed and the transcript

prepared. The Clerk is DIRECTED to TERMINATE the pending

motion for fees as moot. Doc. 55.

**SO ORDERED,** this <u>16th</u> day of December, 2019.

CHRISTOPHER L. RAY

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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